

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, the specification has been amended, Claims 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18 and 22 have been amended, Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 20 and 23 have been cancelled, and new Claims 27 and 28 have been added. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to the disclosure at page 9, line 20, and indicated that the numeral indicator 40 should be 30. The specification has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, so that it is believed that the objection to the disclosure can be withdrawn.

Claims 8, 17 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, on the grounds of indefiniteness. Claims 8 and 20 have been cancelled. As to Claim 17, the Examiner indicated that the phrase "such as" renders the claim indefinite. Claim 17 has been rewritten to more definitely recite "wherein said unique identifier is a unique chemical identifier selected from the group consisting of DNA and a chemically coded taggant," so that it is believed that the rejection of Claims 8, 17 and 20 on the grounds of indefiniteness can now be withdrawn.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, on the grounds of indefiniteness, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 8 has been cancelled and rewritten as new Claim 27.

In light of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the application should now be in condition for allowance, and an early favorable in this regard is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies or fees in connection with this amendment to Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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